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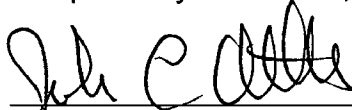
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- ☐ 6. A concise explanation of the relevance of the non-English language reference(s) appears in the Appendix attached hereto.
- ☐ 7. The Examiner's attention is directed to co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. _____, filed _____, which is directed to related technical subject matter. The identification of this U.S. Patent Application is not to be construed as a waiver of secrecy as to that application now or upon issuance of the present application as a patent. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the cited application and the art cited therein during examination of the present application.
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- ☒ 10. English-language Abstracts are attached to the non-English language references.
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- ☒ 12. Other: Four of the references were cited in the International Search Report.

Respectfully submitted,


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